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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the office action mailed August 24, 2004, setting a three (3) month shortened statutory period for response which expired on November 24, 2004, and which has been extended three (3) months to February 24, 2005, amend the above captioned patent application as follows.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 10 of this paper.

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